A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*e*) The Government are so informed.
(*c*) & (*f*) The Government have no information.
(*d*) The question does not arise.
(*g*) The answer is in the affirmative.
(*h*) The Chairman reported the facts to Government but asked for no orders.
(*i*) The Government see no need to do so.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Answer to clause (*h*) says 'The Chairman reported the facts to Government but asked for no orders'. Considering the importance of the matter, is it not within the power of the hon. the Minister to give guidance to the Chairman, though it is not asked for ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The Government did not consider necessary to give guidance."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Here is a forged document stating that a candidate has withdrawn his candidature, while the candidate says that he has not withdrawn and the whole election is vitiated. The man cannot get any remedy ; the civil courts up to the High Court have declined to interfere and yet am I to understand that the hon. the Minister does not think that he can usefully interfere in the matter ? "

The teaching of Hindi language in Nannilam Board High School.

* 35 Q.—Mr. V. PANTULU AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a mahazar signed by the parents and guardians of the pupils studying in the Board High School, Nannilam (Tanjore district), was sent to the President, District Board, Tanjore, with a request to start a Hindi class in the above school ;

(*b*) whether it is also a fact that a statement was made in the mahazar referred to in (*a*) to the effect that the parents and guardians themselves would meet the expenditure thereon and that the District Board need not pay anything for giving effect to the proposal ;

(*c*) whether the President, District Board, called for the opinion of the Headmaster of the High School and also the pupils on the subject matter of the petition (mahazar) ;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) be in the affirmative, the reply received by the President ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that a majority of the pupils of the school expressed their ready willingness to learn Hindi when asked by the Headmaster ;

(*f*) whether the President finally decided not to allow pupils to learn Hindi ;

(*g*) if the answer to (*f*) be in the affirmative, whether Government can place on the table a copy of the President's order prohibiting Hindi learning ;

(*h*) whether the Government have issued any order or circular to local bodies concerning Hindi learning, and if so, to what effect ;

(*i*) if the answer to (*h*) be in the negative, whether the President himself has issued any order to the schools under his supervision forbidding either the learning or the teaching of Hindi ;

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Mr. M. RATNASWAMI :—"May I know what kinds of meats are sold in the shops that are considered objectionable by the Hindus?"

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"I pause for the answer."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"I have already stated that it is a matter with which the Government are not concerned, and it is for the Municipal Council to consider whether a meat stall could be allowed to continue there or not."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Since the municipality has not moved in the matter in spite of newspaper agitation and public meetings, may I appeal to the hon. the Chief Minister at least to care something or the susceptibilities of the Hindu population of Tiruvannamalai?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"Mr. President, the Government do not think that it is a case for their interference."

The distribution of taluk boards in each district.

* 32 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether every taluk in each district has a taluk board corresponding to it;

(b) if not, whether the Government have any idea of creating a taluk board for every taluk;

(c) how many taluk boards there are in Madura and Ramnad districts and whether the taluk boards correspond to the taluks in the districts;

(d) whether the right of electing their presidents is given to all the taluk boards in the two districts; and

(e) if not, the names of the taluk boards in which the president is nominated, and the reason for the same?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The Government will be prepared to consider applications on their merits.

(c) Four in each. The taluk boards do not correspond to the Revenue taluks.

(d) The answer is in the negative.

(e) Melur, Usilampatti and Dindigul in the Madura district and Devakottai in the Ramnad district.

The Government were advised that in the best interests of the administration of these taluk boards it was desirable that the Presidents should be appointed by Government.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—"In regard to clause (b), may I know whether Government invited applications as to the creation of a board in every taluk?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"Government do not propose to invite applications."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—"What do they mean by 'applications' in the answer to clause (b)? Do they mean applications from taluk boards or people or somebody else?"